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S.J.R. No. 53

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment relating to the exclusive
2 legislative duty to support and maintain an efficient system of
3 public schools.

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 1, Article VII, Texas Constitution, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 Sec. 1. A general diffusion of knowledge being essential to
8 the preservation of the liberties and rights of the people, it shall
9 be the duty of the Legislature of the State to establish and make
10 suitable provision for the support and maintenance of an efficient
11 system of public free schools. The duty imposed by this section is
12 the sole prerogative of the Legislature. Notwithstanding the rights
13 and duties imposed by Article V of this constitution, the judicial
14 branch of the State has no authority to interfere or issue a
15 judgment or opinion on the actions of the Legislature implementing
16 this section.

17 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
18 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 3, 2015.
19 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
20 proposition: "The constitutional amendment providing for the
21 exclusive legislative duty to support and maintain an efficient
22 system of public free schools."